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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Assignee: Rapt, Inc.  
Title: Method and Business Process for the Estimation of Erosion Costs in  
Assemble-to-Order Manufacturing Operations  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated September 29, 2004, having a shortened statutory period expiring on December 29, 2004. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page **2** of this paper.

No Amendments to the claims are presented in this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page **3** of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page **4** of this paper.